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SUBJECT: IRISH DELEGATION ASKS FOR END OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR IRA

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1. A DELEGATION OF SIXTEEN IRISH DEPUTIES FROM ALL THREE MAJOR DAIL PARTIES HAS BEEN VISITING TRIPOLI SINCE APRIL 17. ALL LOCAL PAPERS ARE FOLLOWING VISIT WITH GREAT INTEREST, AND ALL CONCUR THAT THE DEPUTIES ARE PRESSING LIBYANS TO END THEIR SUPPORT FOR IRA. REPORTERS BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS. LIBYAN HOSTS ARE QUOTED AS MAKING CONTINUED REFERENCES TO "IRISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS" WHO HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN EQUATED TO THE PLO. A REPORT IN LONDON TIMES FROM ROBERT FISK ON APRIL 21 SUGGESTED THAT THE IRISH DELEGATION HAD BEEN TOO OBLIQUE IN ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE IRA. LATER PRESS REPORTS, HOWEVER, SAY THAT IRISH HAVE BECOME EMPHATIC AND DIRECT IN ASKING FOR LIBYANS TO "STOP MESSING WITH THE IRA." REPORTS IN APRIL 23 PRESS SAY IRISH BELIEVE LIBYANS HAVE NOW GOT THE MESSAGE. A SOURCE "CLOSE TO QADHAFI" IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE HAS HAD A CHANGE OF HEART ABOUT SUPPORT FOR IRISH TERRORISTS.

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2. PART OF THE CONFUSION STEMS FROM FACT THAT TRIP WAS ARRANGED BY PRIVATE IRISH INTERMEDIARIES OF LIBYAN CHOOSING. THERE ARE

REPORTS OF CONFUSION WHEN IRISH DEPUTIES INSISTED THAT THESE INTERMEDIARIES BE EXCLUDED FROM OFFICIAL TALKS.

3. PRESS REPORTS ALSO DISCUSS ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND IRISH TRADE IN LIBYA AND POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NOT MUCH SPACE IS DEVOTED TO SUCH MUNDANE TOPICS, HOWEVER.
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